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Amendment in Reply to Office Action mailed on March 1, 2006

REMARKS

The following remarks are being filed in response to the Office Action mailed March 1, 2006, which has been reviewed and carefully considered.

By means of the present amendment, claim 19 has been canceled without prejudice and claims 1 and 7 have been amended. Claims 1-18 and 20 are now pending in this application, with claims 1 and 7 being the only independent claims.

Reconsideration and allowance of the application in view of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 1-18 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,707,476 (Hochstedler) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,400,996 (Hoffberg) and U.S. Patent No. 6,593,938 (Sakata). Further, claim 19 rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Hochstedler in view of Hoffberg, Sakata and U.S. Patent No. 6,452,617 (Bates). It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-18 and 20 are patentable over Hochstedler, Hoffberg, Sakata and Bates for at least the following reasons.

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As correctly noted in the Office Action in rejecting claim 19, Hochstedler, Hoffberg and Sakata do not teach or suggest a single click mechanism as the first actuation and a double click mechanism